

The Office of Respect for Life— Program and Activities*

Pubic Information and Education:

- Maintain a Speakers Bureau - Pro-life presentations in schools and parishes.
- Pro-Life Poster/Essay/Arts Contest to promote pro-life message among students.
- Prepare and distribute Respect Life Calendar.
- Hold educational conferences/workshops addressing a variety of life issues including, cloning, stem cell research, the death penalty, euthanasia and abortion.
- Maintain Resource Library with literature and videos.
- Launch Media Campaigns such as those initiated by the USCCB.
- Develop a Ministry for Persons with Disabilities.
- Provide technical support for bioethics concerns/questions.
- Encourage high school involvement through Student Ambassador program.

Outreach/Pastoral Care:

- Promote awareness and support of pregnancy centers and maternity homes.
- Promote awareness and participate in the Post Abortion Healing Ministries.
- Provide youth with chastity education program.
- Work to expand outreach to the Hispanic Community.
- Communicate through parish network.

Public Policy/Legislation:

- Hold legislative workshops for effective lobbying.
- Encourage Parish Voter registration drives.
- Activate phone, e-mail chains for legislative Action Alerts.
- Initiate letter -writing campaigns as initiated by the National Committee for Human Life Amendment and NJ Catholic Conference.
- Participate in state-wide or diocesan "Legislative Dialogue events."

Prayer and Worship

- Diocesan Respect Life Mass/Pro-Vita Awards.
- Life Chain—interfaith prayer.
- Organize participation in March for Life, Washington, D.C. and Trenton Rally for Life.
- Promote programs of private prayer such as Rachel Rosary, Spiritual Adoption of Unborn Children.
- Provide clergy with pro-life liturgy guides, including intercessions for life.

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